COUNTY FIRE

POLICY DESCRIPTION FORM

Department/Group: **County Fire Department**   **Budget Code:**   **SKX-106**

Title: **Request for Fire Seasonal Supplemental Appropriation**

PRIORITY: Rank 1 of 2   **FUNDING:** Full Year ☐   Other ☐   6 Months

ITEM STATUS: Restoration ☐   Program Change ☐   Workload ☒

OPERATIONAL AND/OR FISCAL IMPACT: Clearly explain the impact on services (attach additional pages if required)

The San Bernardino County Fire Department is requesting a Supplemental Appropriation of $1,317,000 for the 2003 Fire Season to allow additional staffing at eight (8) fire stations and the fire dozer that directly serve the San Bernardino Mountain communities.

Due to the unprecedented tree mortality in our local mountains and the extreme fire danger, this office is requesting supplemental funding for staffing at specific fire stations during the 2003 fire season period. These stations are in the areas of greatest risk to our communities and will be of extreme value for initial attack suppression and support structure protection activities. If this staffing plan is approved, these resources will greatly enhance our ability to control any fire, support mutual aid activities between local government agencies, and leave adequate resources in place when state and federal resources are committed on other incidents.

Fire season typically runs from May into December, although these months can fluxuate based on fuel moisture and weather patterns for all types of fuels. This request is for six months, beginning July 1 and ending on December 31, 2003, and utilizes existing personnel, equipment and supplies. Attached is a memorandum, which outlines the fire stations requiring additional staffing and related cost.

If this proposed supplemental funding and staffing plan is approved, all positions would be filled using either overtime personnel, our existing PCF personnel, which will allow for down staffing during weather related periods. Also, this would enable fire suppression support across the mountain to County Fire areas and other Fire Districts without abandoning local community fire protection, ambulance, and emergency medical services. These additionally staffed resources would be kept in county and not available for out of county response. This increased staffing is for the protection of our communities, our residents and our visitors to our local mountain.

	2003-04	Ongoing 2004-05
APPROPRIATIONS		
Salaries & Benefits (attach additional page if required)	$ 1,317,000	$ 0

CLASSIFICATIONS

Budgeted Staff	Title	Amount
various	Overtime and existing PCF staff	$1,317,000

	2003-04	Ongoing 2004-05
Services & Supplies	0	0
Other (specify) _____	0	0
Equipment	0	0

FIXED ASSETS

Item	Amount		
_____	_____	0	0
Reimbursements (specify) _____		0	0
Total:	$ 1,317,000	$ 0

REVENUE (specify source)

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Total:		$ 0	$ 0
LOCAL COST		$ 1,317,000	$ 0